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SUBJ: IRAQI INVITATIONS TO U. S. CITIZENS FOR PALESTINIAN FILM  
FESTIVAL

REF: STATE 43729

1. PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL TO BE HELD MAR 19 TO 22 UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF IRAQI STATE ORGANIZATION FOR RADIO, TV AND CINEMA AND WITH COOPERATION OF ARAB LEAGUE AND PLO. OPENING DATE CHOSEN TO COINCIDE WITH 5 TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF KARAMEH. ACCORDING TO REUTER' S, FESTIVAL WAS INSPIRED BY DESIRE OF DELEGATES TO 1969 LEIPZIG FILM FESTIVAL TO DRAMATIZE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. OVER 200 ARAB AND FOREIGN FILM AND TV PERSONALITIES REPORTEDLY INVITED.

2. COMMENT: FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS HAVE NOT RECEIVED MUCH COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS YET AND NO INDICATION OF WHO MAY ATTEND. IT IS VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT FESTIVAL WILL BE OCCASION FOR MUCH ANTI- AMERICAN PROPAGANDA AND THAT AMERICANS WHO ATTEND WILL BE EXPLOITED FOR THIS PURPOSE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPT ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE ANY AMERICANS FROM ATTENDING.  
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